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DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE

Mr. Robert S. Gill The Passano Foundation, Inc. Mt. Royal & Guilford Aves. Baltimore 2, Md.

Dear Mr. Gill:

It seems to me the group of three candidates chosen for the Passano Award is excellent. I would rate the candidates as follows:

Oswald T. Avery - 5 points Phillip Levine - 3 points Charles B. Huggins - 2 points

I would rate Avery above the others by virtue of the fact that he had a continuing record of accomplishments in a broad field and that the award would not be made merely for a specific disdovery, which would be more the case in the instance of the other two choices.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. Loeb, M.D.

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